

ABSTRACT

A method of bending at least one glass sheet including: allowing the glass to sag under gravity; then placing the central region of the one or more sheets in contact with a male former by advancing a female former supporting the sheet toward the male former, the male former being located above the female former with vertical movement of one with respect to the other being possible in a bending cell; then pressing the glass in its peripheral region between the male former and the female former; then holding the glass against the male former by partial vacuum, the pressing being continued; then discontinuing the pressing by separating the male former from the female former; and then cooling the glass outside the bending cell. The method makes it possible to produce bends with short radii of curvature in two perpendicular directions without leaving marks on the glass.